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Reasons 1.5 (b) and (d)

(C) Further to reftel discussions, Foreign Affairs informed us that the Canadian Head of Mission in Vienna met with IAEA DG El-Baradei on April 7 to urge him to take a tough approach on Iran's nuclear program. El-Baradei responded by defending his non-confrontational approach, and gave no indication that he intends to change course. Foreign Affairs noted that the Canadian Head of Mission is still planning to host a luncheon on April 10 for like-minded IAEA member countries to discuss Iran. Canada is trying to attract a more broadly representative group than the one that met on North Korea, and hopes that some NAM countries will join.

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